

County of San Bernardino
Behavioral Health Commission
Executive Session
June 4, 2015
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Members Present: Akin Merino, Christopher Massa, Ed O'Brien, Jane Ann Godager, Jennifer Spence-Carpenter, May Farr, Monica Wilson, Susan McGee-Stehsel, Troy Mondragon, Veatrice Jews

Excused Absences: Catherine Inscore, David Miller, Michael Grabhorn

Guests: CaSonya Thomas; Debi Pasco; Esmeralda Sanchez, Beverly Scott; Joshua Taylor; Lupita Mendez, El Sol; Sarah Wright, Representative for Pete Aguilar, 31st Congressional District

CALL TO ORDER and SELF INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Susan McGee-Stehsel called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.

Approve Executive Session Minutes from April 2, 2015.

Approved

Motion/Second: May Farr / Chris Massa

Ayes: Akin Merino, Ed O'Brien, Jane Ann Godager, Jennifer Spence-Carpenter, Monica Wilson, Troy Mondragon, Veatrice Jews

Absentions: Susan McGee-Stehsel

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Chair Susan McGee-Stehsel suggested calendar events be added with as much lead-time as possible. Susan asked if it was possible for the Clubhouses and Transitional Age Youth (TAY) information be added separately to their own tab in the BHC website.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioners discussed availability to attend various upcoming behavioral health events. They followed up with a brief summary of their reports for the afternoon session.

Commissioner Ed O'Brien is available to provide an educational presentation on criminal law related to mental health. Ed attended the Train the Trainer: Mental Health Boards 101 and is eager to share what he learned with the Commission. Debi Pasco will work with Ed to determine a date for each presentation.

Vice Chair Monica Wilson reported the Senate has approved reimbursement for Peer Support Specialists.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Beverly Scott is happy to report that the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission is looking closer at employment services. She mentioned that Alameda County is having great success with the Dartmouth Community Mental Health Program to increase access to evidence-based supported employment. They do not use the Department of Rehabilitation. Ms. Scott also requested additional information regarding the contracts relinquished by Pacific Clinics. Director Thomas stated that Deputy Director Michael Schertell will be here to provide an update on this subject at 11:30am.

Sarah White, representative for Congressman Pete Aguilar, is happy to attend events hosted by Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) and the Behavioral Health Commission (BHC). Debi Pasco will add Ms. White to her email distribution list.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director CaSonya Thomas stated that Deputy Director Sharon Nevins will provide an update on measures to reduce psychiatric hospitalizations during the July Executive Session.

On 5/15/15, DBH was notified that we were successful in the third round grant funding for a crisis residential treatment center to be located in Victorville.

Commissioner Monica Wilson stated that the West End has limited behavioral health services. Director Thomas will schedule some time during an upcoming Executive Session to address how we might address service needs in the Districts.

Director Thomas inquired whether there were any questions regarding the action item on the afternoon BHC agenda: Review Department of Health Care Services Performance Contract FY 15-16. There were no questions.

Pacific Clinics Relinquishes Several Contracts – DBH's Plan of Action

Deputy Director Michael Schertell stated that Pacific Clinics is one of our larger contract providers. During the recent Request for Proposal process, Pacific Clinics won the contract for the Rancho Cucamonga Transitional Age Youth (TAY) Center, and came in second for the Yucca Valley TAY Center. With the loss of the Yucca TAY Center contract, Pacific Clinics was unable to share administrative costs with their Comprehensive Children Services programs and Rancho TAY Center, the decision was made to surrender the following contracts effective 6/30/15:

- Rancho Center One-Stop TAY Center – new contractor will be Mental Health Services, Inc
- Therapeutic Behavioral Mental Health Services – new contractor will be Lutheran Social Services
- Children's Intensive Services – new contractor will be Desert Mountain SELPA
- Student Assistance Program - new contractor will be Desert Mountain SELPA
- School-Aged Treatment Services - new contractor will be Desert Mountain SELPA

ADJOURNMENT: Today's meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Susan McGee-Stehsel
Chair Person

Esmeralda Sanchez, OAIII
Recorder